CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1.   A method, comprising:

placing a request order to acquire at least one item from an inventory associated with

        a first location;

receiving the item;

providing an indication of receipt of the item; and

reducing the inventory associated with the first location in response to receiving the

        indication.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein providing an indication of receipt comprises

providing an electronic mail message to indicate the receipt of the item.

3.   The method of claim 1, wherein placing the request order comprises placing

the request order from a second location to the first location to acquire the at least one item.

4.   The method of claim 3, further comprising incrementing an inventory

associated with the second location based on receiving the item.

5.   The method of claim 4, further comprising scheduling the item to perform a

benchmark request.

6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising determining if the item is

designated as rotational equipment.

7.   The method of claim 6, further comprising tracking the usage time of the item.

8.   The method of claim 1, wherein placing the request order comprises placing the request order in response to determining that the request order has been approved.

9.   An article comprising one or more machine-readable storage media containing instructions that when executed enable a processor to:

provide an order to acquire a resource from a source, wherein the source includes a

preselected number of resources;

provide an indication based on receiving the item; and

reduce the preselected number of resources by one based on detecting the indication.

10.   The article of claim 9, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to provide the order from a first center to a second center to acquire the resource.

11.   The article of claim 10, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to increment an inventory associated with the first center based on receiving the item.

12.   The article of claim 9, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to schedule the resource to perform a benchmark request.

13.   The article of claim 9, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to provide an electronic mail message based on receiving the resource.

14.   The article of claim 9, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to determine if the resource is designated for a resale to a customer.

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15.   The article of claim 14, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to track the usage of the resource based on determining that the resource is designated for resale.

16.   The article of claim 9, wherein the instructions when executed enable the processor to approve the order before providing the order to the source.

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17.   An apparatus, comprising:

means for placing a request order to acquire at least one item from an inventory
        associated with a first location;

means for receiving the item;

means for providing an indication of receipt of the item; and

means for reducing the inventory associated with the first location in response to
        receiving the indication.

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18.   An apparatus, comprising:

a storage unit comprising an inventory associated with a first location, wherein the
        inventory includes at least one item; and

a control unit communicatively coupled to the storage unit, the control unit adapted
        to:

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        provide a request to receive the item from the first location;

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provide an indication based on receiving the item; and

adjust the number of items in the inventory based on detecting the

indication.

5   19.   The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the control unit is adapted to provide the

request to transmit the item from the first location to a second location.

20.   The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the storage unit includes an inventory

associated with the second location.

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21.   The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the control unit is adapted to increment the

inventory associated with the second location based on receiving the item at the second

location.

15   22.   The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the control unit is adapted to schedule the

resource to perform a benchmark request.

23.   The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the control unit is adapted to reduce the

number of items in the inventory associated with the first location based on detecting the

20   indication.

24.   The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the control is adapted to provide an

electronic mail message based on receiving the item.

25.   The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the control unit is adapted to approve the order before providing the request.

26.   The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the control unit is further adapted to:

5   receive a benchmark request;

determine one or more resources that are desired to perform the benchmark request;

display the one more resources that are available for use during a selected time

interval; and

schedule the available resources to perform the benchmark request at a desirable time

10   within the selected time interval.